

Board of Fire Commissioners
Company #1
2825 Main St.

April 7, 2016 - 7:30 P.M.

Present: Commissioner Gilbert Spencer
Commissioner James Dutton
Commissioner Charles Longo
Commissioner Arnold Higgins
Commissioner John Cafazzo

Absent: Commissioner Richard French

Commissioner Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2016 was made by Commissioner Dutton and seconded by Commissioner Longo. Motion passed

Public Comment: None

Chief's Report:

- Chief Thurz and Deputy Chief Motowidlak attended the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD as part of the Connecticut Fire Officer's Training Weekend. Chief Thurz participated in a two-day training class that discussed incident command principles for an all hazard incident. Deputy Chief Motowidlak participated in a two-day training class which focused on information for new fire chiefs.
- The Department has applied for a SAFER grant, which if awarded would provide two years of funding for the per diem program. The amount of funding that is being requested is \$178,880.00. Commissioner Cafazzo asked if the grant was awarded if it would be used to add two additional positions. Chief Thurz did not apply to add additional people, it was more to offset the cost of establishing the program. However, the Chief would take the suggestion under advisement for the future.
- The Department received a grant from Firehouse Subs for the purchase of two battery operated Jaws of Life and two hydraulic spreaders.
- Chief Thurz conducted a meeting with the members that are participating in the per diem program to hear their ideas and suggestions. One suggestion that will be implemented beginning April 11th, is the rotation of days between the fire stations. This will help those that participate in the program with become familiar with all four stations. Another goal will be for more standardization across the Department.
- The Department's unit year ended on March 31, 2016. We are currently working on completing the spreadsheets and tax abatement forms for processing at town hall.
- The cancer bill for career and volunteer firefighters is moving forward at the Capitol.

Committee Reports:

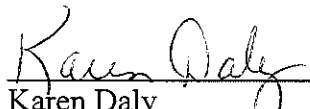
- Commissioner Longo reported that the By-Law Committee has met and is making progress. The next meeting is April 14, 2016.
- The Awards dinner is April 16, 2016.

New Business:

- Commissioner Spencer discussed with the board the letter that he received from Captain Jay Cofiell. Commissioner Spencer will send a letter to Captain Cofiell acknowledging his letter.
- Due to a conflict in scheduling the commission has rescheduled their regular meeting from May 5, 2016 to May 12, 2016.

Next Regular Meeting: – As noted above, the May 5, 2016 will be rescheduled as a Special Meeting to be held on May 12, 2016 at Company 1, 2825 Main Street, 7:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dutton and seconded by Commissioner Longo. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


Karen Daly
Recording Secretary

cc: Fire Commission (6)
Fire Chiefs (4)
Fire Captains (3)
John Sikorski, Lieutenant
Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager
Chris Siwy, Fire Marshal
Mary Visone, Purchasing Agent
Robert DiBella, Civil Preparedness